

Straton Assails Dance Halls as Breeding Vice

Baptist Pastor Also Turns
Fire on Hirschfeld, The-
aters, Movies, Rent Pro-
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Takes Politicians to Task

Reads Letters From Pulpit At-
tacking Modern Fashions
as Increasing Social Evil

Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld, the theaters, movies, women's dress, rent profiteers, novels, magazines and the modern dance came under the fire of the Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton's sermons last night in his sermon at Calvary Baptist Church, in West Fifty-seventh Street. The clergyman also took occasion to hurl defiance at the anonymous letter writers who, he said, had threatened him with death unless he stopped his vice investigations.

As a prelude to the sermon, which was entitled "The Economic and Social Responsibility for Vice in New York City," Dr. Straton said he desired to make a statement concerning the "personal assault" that had been made upon him by certain politicians since his vice exposure began.

The statement was a repetition of that which he gave to the newspapers last week, in which he accused Commissioner Hirschfeld of attempting to use him to stir the "whitewash bucket." The minister branded as "fake facts" the details concerning his alleged apology for and retraction of charges he had made against O. L. Shacksford, District Attorney of Norfolk, Va., which were made public by Mr. Hirschfeld. Dr. Straton charged that a "harvest of hell" is being reaped in the dance halls of New York, and that these places furnish the principal supply of fallen girls. "The modern dance," he said, "is an expression of the degeneration of human society."

Sees All Clothes Eliminated
In speaking of women's dress the minister said: "If present tendencies continue and we go a little further with the process of elimination, then I suppose that in the not distant future we will have both men and women in a state of complete freedom from all clothing, which will finish the circle and bring us back to the point from which the savage started out."

Shifting his attack to the theaters, Dr. Straton declared that the theater-going public and the people of the stage owe it to themselves to stand together "against the awful abuses that are not only destroying dramatic art, but are wrecking multitudes of young lives and feeding the ranks of vice and shame in our city and in our nation."

Asserting he would not be a foe of the theater if it were a decent institution, Dr. Straton said: "The legitimate drama has a place in the scheme of human life, culture and entertainment. But to-day the theaters have been almost completely commercialized, and one of their main stocks in trade to get larger door receipts is to cater to the lower instincts of the race by the indecent exposure of girls and women."

Declaring that rent profiteers are in a measure responsible for vice conditions in New York, the clergyman read a letter he said he had received from a woman, who declared that increased rents had forced many women into vice resorts, not of their own choice, but that they might be able to keep their homes together a little longer.

Blame Modern Dress Fashions
Several letters were read by Dr. Straton which blamed vice conditions on modern fashions in dress. One of these named three prominent hotels where the writer said, the clergyman could see the "shameless dress of fashionable women."

"I have statements from an earnest young college man," said Dr. Straton. "He says the greatest temptations and trials that come to him and his roommate are because of the suggestive way in which their girl friends dress and the reckless way in which they allow themselves to be handled in the dance."

"The greatest evil in modern styles is the fact that the present tendency toward undress is obviously for the purpose of directing the attention to the sex idea. This idea is tremendously over-emphasized in our modern life. It is fed at us from the magazines, both in pictures and stories. It is literally bubbled all over us in the theater and the moving picture show."

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Detective Hughes, Charged With Bribery, Suspended

Trials of Those in Whose Behalf
He Is Said to Have Made
Offer Set to-day in Court

Detective Sergeant Thomas Hughes, arrested Saturday on a charge of having attempted to bribe an internal revenue agent, was suspended yesterday from the Police Department by First Deputy Police Commissioner John A. Leach. Hughes has been a member of the department for twenty-one years and at the time of his arrest was on the personal staff of Inspector John J. Gray. He was released Saturday night in \$10,000 bail.

The charge against Hughes is brought by Harold B. Dobbs, a prohibition enforcement officer on the staff of James J. Sheehan, who alleges the detective gave him \$1,000 and promised him an additional \$4,000 if he would obtain certain papers from the office of the United States Attorney in the Federal Building.

The papers Hughes wanted, according to Dobbs, are evidence in the criminal proceedings instituted by the government against the Gramatan Company, of 138 Prince Street; the East Products Company, 1482 Broadway; and George Nubino, Henry F. Maresco and Louis Lipari. The last named are officers of the two companies.

The companies and individuals were indicted in November for alleged violation of the Lever and Volstead acts and their trials in the Federal Court are set for to-day.

Lowden Seeks Support as Second Choice Candidate

Arrives in Washington for
Series of Conferences Ex-
tending Until Thursday

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 18.—Governor Lowden of Illinois arrived in Washington to-night to attend a series of conferences this week that he hopes will make him the second choice of many delegates to the Chicago convention who are primarily committed to the candidacy of other aspirants for the Republican Presidential nomination.

Senator Sherman of Illinois has turned his offices at the Capitol over to Governor Lowden, who will confer here daily until Thursday with Senators and Representatives and other influential Republicans in an effort to enlist their support for their second choice at the convention.

Governor Lowden's friends do not believe that any of the candidates will have a majority of the delegates on the first ballot, and they are counting upon a drift away from the leading candidates and toward a compromise candidate of a "dark horse" as the balloting proceeds.

Says Johnson Wouldn't Accept Vice-Presidency

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Senator Hiram Johnson will not accept the Republican nomination for Vice-President if he should fail to obtain the Presidential nomination, Representative Nolan, Republican of California, one of his campaign managers, announced to-day.

"I am authorized to say for the Senator that it is not intended to let him be nominated for a hitching post," Nolan declared. "He is out for the Presidential nomination, and under no circumstances will he take the Vice-Presidency."

Mr. Compton, to support his stand, quoted letters from posts throughout the country denouncing the bonus. Among those quoted by the former chairman were: from Roderick Stephens, of Scarsdale, N. Y.; A. L. Harrington, secretary of McVey Post 16, of Mansville, Ohio; John D. Fearlake, chairman of New Canaan (Conn.) Post 39; Walter W. Metcalf, of the 805th Infantry Post; the Manhattan Post of Long Island; Jane A. Delano Post 344, of New York County; G. Amsinck Post, of New York; L. R.

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The favorable aspect is the present prosperity of the United States and this will continue while consumers' demands exceed production. Manufacturers in general are far behind their orders and there are no stocks of goods. This cannot last forever as we all know. Hence, the watchword is conservatism.

That extravagance has reached its peak, however, is strongly attested by the record of figures of the savings banks of this state, showing new accounts last year of 190,171, and deposits increased from \$2,042,011,104 to \$2,267,393,799, or more than 10 per cent. A singular and interesting coincidence, to say the least, is the statement by a prominent manufacturer that the average proportion of a week's wage formerly spent on drink was just above 10 per cent.

The Harriman National Bank would like to have its customers give to the problem of credit scarcity and its corollaries, high prices, labor inefficiency, wage demands and low production, that keen thought and analysis which they devote to details of their manufacturing and merchandising problems. We are confident that the study will prove instructive and profitable.

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The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

Officers Above Rank of
Captain in the Army and
Senior Grade Lieutenant
in Navy Not in Bonus Plan

Enlisted Men Who Served
Less Than Two Months
Are Also Excluded From
Compensation Benefits

Should the voters of New York decide at the next election that the former service men are entitled to some compensation from the state, officers above the rank of captain in the army and lieutenant, senior grade, in the navy and enlisted men who served less than two months will be eliminated. The Legislature has decided to submit the bonus question to a referendum and the ex-service men in conference accepted this decision. The measure to be submitted to the people calls for a state bond issue of \$50,000,000 with which to pay the bonuses and a companion bill will create a state commission to administer the law.

Included in the \$50,000,000 is the sum of \$3,000,000 to pay National Guardsmen who served on the Mexican border the difference between the state and federal pay. This will be administered in accordance with the Gibbs-Webb bill.

The framers of the measure to be submitted to the people estimate that there are 497,000 bona fide citizens of this state in the army and from 50,000 to 100,000 men in the navy and marine corps. According to the present plans dependents of former service men who are entitled to the benefit of the legislation. The commission to administer the bonus law will comprise the adjutant general of the state, five other army men, the chairman of the Senate Finance committee, the chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly, ex-officio.

Compton's Statement
George Brokaw Compton who recently resigned as chairman of the New York County American Legion as a protest against the bonus, in discussing the present situation said: "The recently announced disposition of Congress to exclude from the benefits of proposed Federal bonus legislation about one-third of the ex-service men, the defeat in the Maryland Legislature of a state flat bonus bill, the decision to refer to the people of New Jersey at the polls in November the question of a bond issue to pay bonuses provided for by recent legislation in that state, and the report from Albany that the New York Legislature will probably leave the bonus question as far as New York State is concerned, to popular referendum in November, are encouraging indications that a better understanding of the true significance of the proposal for blanket bonuses is rapidly spreading among ex-service men and the general public."

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Johnson Expected To Lead Nebraska Primary To-morrow

Large German Vote Declared
Behind Senator; Pershing
Boom Takes on Added
Strength; Wood Tide Ebbs

Special Dispatch to The Tribune / OMAHA, April 18.—Nebraska's primary campaign closed last night with more excitement than has been engendered by any political campaign in this state since the free silver days of 1896. Four candidates for President spent all last week in the state, and these, reinforced by their boosters and by innumerable candidates for lesser offices, gave the state its hottest political campaign for a quarter of a century. Tuesday is primary day.

Senator Hitchcock and William J. Bryan divided interest with General Wood and Hiram Johnson, while six Republican candidates for Governor and three Democratic candidates for the same office assisted in creating an atmosphere in which business was forgotten and politics kept the boards.

General Pershing's boom took on added strength in the last three days of the campaign, while General Wood's strength ebbed considerably in the same time. Senator Johnson has the inside track, according to the best political forecasters on Omaha and Lincoln. General Pershing is very strong, but out in the state Senator Johnson is the stronger.

Nebraska has a 14 per cent German vote and the Germans have registered as Republicans and are all for Johnson. The Nonpartisan League members are mostly Republicans and are solid for Johnson. With the German vote and the Nonpartisan League vote to start with Johnson is conceded to have the best chance of winning this state.

Indications are that General Wood will run ahead of General Pershing. Herbert Hoover does not figure in the Nebraska campaign at all. Hoover

Supreme Court Justice Philip J. McCook will address the members of Harlem Post this evening in the headquarters of the Harlem Board of Commerce, 290 Lenox Avenue. Justice McCook is a veteran of the war and is still suffering from a wound he received while fighting in the Argonne Forest.

When the next meeting of Lexington Post, 108, is held in St. Monica's Lyceum, 347 East Eighty-fourth Street, arrangements will be made for an entertainment and dance to be held early next month. The baseball team of this post is expected to be on the diamond in the near future.

A meeting of the county committee will be held next Monday evening in the Pennsylvania Hotel to hear and act upon reports of officers and committees and to consider such other matters as may be properly brought before the meeting.

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withdrew his name from the filings and will not appear on the ballot. On the Democratic side Senator Hitchcock is the only candidate for the preferential vote, and will, of course, have the instructed delegation. The real fight is whether the delegation will be composed of Hitchcock men or Bryan men.

Plauen Red Leader Arrested
BERLIN, April 18.—Max Hoelz, the Plauen Communist leader, was arrested at Marienbad Saturday, according to an official Czech report, and now is in prison at Eger, a short distance from Carlsbad.

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